Formation of Aerospace Commission

1590. SHRI ANAND SHARMA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA:
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Force has sought the formation of an Aerospace Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the purpose of this new Aerospace Commission; and

(d) in what manner such a Commission would help in indigenisation of our Air Force requirements?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Compensation to farmers for laying of mines in their lands

1591. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of farmers were uprooted as their lands were taken over by army for laying of mines or other operation purposes on the Indo-Pak border in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details of compensation paid to the affected farmers; and

(c) the lands since returned to the farmers after de-mining and the lands still under army occupation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Certain lands of farmers on the Indo-Pak border in Punjab were occupied by the Armed Forces for laying of mines or other operational purposes.

(b) An amount of Rs. 1,10,46,78,462.40 has been paid till now as crop and rental compensation to Punjab Government.

(c) 47319.060 acres of land has since been returned to the farmers after de-mining. 218.350 acres of land is still under army occupation.